

Application No. 10/829,253
Amendment dated August 21, 2008
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Claims 1, 2, 5 to 12, and 14 to 16 remain in the application.

Claims 1, 2, and 5 to 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Manaras et al. (CA 2,112,350).

Reconsideration is expected on the following grounds.

Mounting the cam engaging member on the shaft separately from the manual actuator provides the selective mounting of the manual actuator at either end of the shaft. This provides an important advantage over known auxiliary operating device. In Manaras, the roller 42 is mounted to the hub 40 of the pulley 34 (see page 7, lines 23 to 26, and Fig. 4). Accordingly, the pulley 34 needs to be placed next to the cam 48 to provide for the engagement of roller 42 with cam 44. Therefore, the pulley cannot be selectively mounted at either end of the shaft.

The roller 42 cannot be mounted directly to shaft 18 separately from pulley 34. The pulley is mounted for free rotation relative to shaft 18 (page 7, lines 3 and 4) and, as such, the initial rotation of the pulley 34 would not cause any relative movement between cam 44 and roller 42 and, thus, the gear 20 would remain in its idle position, as shown in Fig. 1. This would clearly result in a non-operable system.

In view of the foregoing, it is clear that Manaras lacks some of the structural features that are necessary to permit selective mounting of the manual actuator at either end of the shaft, namely the separation of the cam engaging member from the manual actuator and the direct securement or attachment of the manual actuator on the shaft to provide a permanent rotational-looking engagement therebetween.

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the above 102 rejection is anticipated.

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If the Examiner is still not convinced of the patentability of the claims on file, Applicant requests a telephone interview with the undersigned agent of record to advance prosecution of the present application.

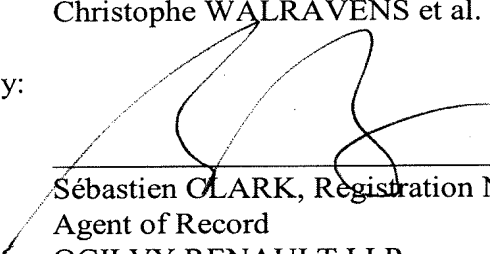
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